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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTTEL A, I MADE STRONG PITCH TO PRESIDENT BANDA OCT 24 SEEKING MALAWI VOTE AGAINST ALGERIAN RESOLUTION AND IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY US-UK. (NOTE: SO FAR UK HIGH COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT). I PLACED QUESTION IN BROAD CONTEXT OF CONSISTENT MALAWI AND US AGREEMENT ON BROAD INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS OVER THE YEARS AND WASHINGTON APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT EXTENDED. ALSO BORE DOWN ON POINT PURPOSE OF OUR RESOLUTION IS TO FOSTER DIALOGUE BETWEEN PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN HOPE PEACEFUL DISCUSSIONS WILL RESULT IN MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

STRESSED DISSOLUTION OF UN COMMAND WOULD UNDERMINE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH ATTENDANT RISK OF RENEWED OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. MIDDLE EAST EVENTS SHOWED FRAGILITY OF SUCH AGREEMENTS.

2. PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO SUPPORT EITHER SOUTH KOREA OR NORTH KOREA AGAINST THE OTHER. WHILE TWO STATES

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ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS WHICH HE BELIEVED WAS PROPER WAY TO

APPROACH PROBLEMS, THIRD PARTIES SHOULD NOT INTERVENE. HOWEVER, HE AGREED WITH PURPOSES OF OUR RESOLUTION AS DESCRIBED AND HE ASKED ME TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH JOHN NGWIRI, SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN PARTICULAR, PRESIDENT SAID IT NOT FAIR TO EXCLUDE ONE KOREA FROM UN IF IT DESIRED MEMBERSHIP UNTIL REUNIFICATION ACHIEVED; IN THIS RESPECT HE AGREED WITH OUR RESOLUTION. FURTHER, HE DID NOT BELIEVE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE UNDERMINED BY DISBANDING UNC.

PRESIDENT ALSO EXPRESSED HIMSELF IN FAVOR OF RETENTION OF US TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA. COMMENT: WE ARE SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH NGWIRI ASAP. (UNFORTUNATELY FOREIGN MINISTRY IS IN PROCESS MOVING TO LILONGWE THIS WEEK). PRESIDENT'S REACTION HAS AT LEAST REOPENED MATTER. WE WILL TRY TO CONVINCE NGWIRI THAT US SPONSORED RESOLUTION IS NOT "INCONSISTENT" WITH IDEA BEHIND PRESIDENT'S ORIGINAL POSITION AND THAT IT CONFORMS TO PRINCIPLES MENTIONED BY PRESIDENT IN TODAY'S MEETING. HOPEFULLY PLACING ISSUE IN BROAD PLANE OF US-MALAWI COOPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS WILL INFLUENCE PRESIDENT TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OUR REASONING.

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